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SAFETY UPGRADES AND PLACEMENT OF REFLECTIVE RAISED PAVEMENT MARKERS CONTINUES IN PAULDING COUNTY

WHAT

A Georgia DOT Maintenance crew continues today to replace the obliterated and damaged reflective raised pavement markers on State Route (SR) 6 in Paulding County Work proceeds daily between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., as weather permits. These reflectors are proven effective in reducing the frequency and severity of crossover crashes on the highways.

Georgia DOT maintains over 2000 lane-miles in Northwest Georgia. This year's relatively harsh winter and snowplows used to clear the region's interstates and state routes from snow and ice present a spring challenge to the DOT crews who are charged with maintaining lane markers on the roads. These crews follow Federal Highway Administration standards for markings and do their best to keep up. They also work almost continuously restriping faded markers and replacing missing reflective raised pavement markers. Still, the volume of traffic on the highways, snow removal in the winter and sunny summer all weigh heavily on the durability of the lane markers.

WHEN: Monday, May 4 through Thursday, May 7, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

WHERE: SR 6 in Paulding County

Each day, hundreds of Georgia Department of Transportation employees and contractors work on dozens of highway, bridge and intersection improvements throughout the state. Their work often brings them and heavy machinery in close proximity to travel lanes. Fifty-seven Georgia DOT personnel and many more motorists, passengers and contractors' workers have been killed in highway work zone accidents since 1973. Please help us prevent these tragedies by slowing down; being especially attentive and cautious as you pass through construction work zones; and always driving responsibly. Safer Driving; Safer Work Zones; For Everyone. For more information on Georgia DOT, please visit www.dot.ga.gov or subscribe to our Press Release RSS feed. You also may like us on Facebook (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/GDOTNW) and follow us Twitter.com/GDOTNW).

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